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In response to this requirement, please indicate if the application and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0007771 were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person.

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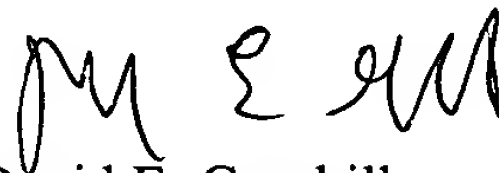
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Any telephone inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status (MPEP 203.08) of this application or proceeding should be directed to Group 2800 Head SAE Linda Hodge-Taylor whose telephone number is 571-272-1585.

Any telephone inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David E. Graybill at (571) 272-1930. Regular office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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